

# **MINUTES OF THE JONESTOWN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2021, 7:30 P.M., VIA AUDIO/VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Paul Johnson, Mayor Tom Buckle, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2	Eric Davis (Place 1) Rod Schaffner (Place 3)	Dave Nelsen (Place 4) Linda Bush (Place 5)
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*This meeting was closed to in-person attendance by the public. A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code. Telephonic and videoconferencing capabilities were utilized to allow individuals to address the Council. Email submissions were also accepted.*

Council Present via audio/videoconference: Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle, Alderwoman Bush, Alderman Nelsen, Alderman Davis, Alderman Schaffner.

Absent: None.

Staff present via teleconference: City Administrator Jones, Development Services Manager Jolly, Public Works Director Herrera, Parks Director Gyergyó, City Secretary Austin.

## **ITEMS OPENING MEETING**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH QUORUM, DECLARE MEETING OPEN**

Mayor Johnson announced a quorum present and opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

### **2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

(In accordance with Government Code Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Sect. 551.0415)

There were no announcements.

### **3. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

- a. Quarterly report from the Library Advisory Board  
Chair Sarah Heihn reported the Board has been working on updating the library policy manual, which will soon be presented to the city council for approval. The library is now open again, but visitor numbers are still down.
- b. Council Committee reports:
  - Finance Committee: Alderman Nelsen reported discussion of the agreement with Travis County for vehicle registration renewal services; part-time assistance for the Finance department; scheduling for the first quarter budget review.
  - Planning & Economic Development Committee: Alderman Davis reported the committee discussed BOA and P&Z annual appointments; a request for conditional use permit for truck parking; creation of a Dark Skies Committee; a traffic impact analysis manual; and minimum lot sizes.
  - Public Works Committee: Alderman Nelsen noted discussion of the City's solid waste contract; surplus and disposal of a utility trailer and a city-owned mobile home; and a possible grant for improvements to Park Drive.
  - Public Safety Committee: Alderman Schaffner noted discussion ordinances amending sex offender regulations and operation of golf carts in the city; and unsafe condition of a mobile home on city property.

- Parks & Events Committee: Parks Director Gyergyó reported discussion possible purchase of security cameras for the park.

#### **4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from discussing (other than factual responses to specific questions) or acting on any items brought before them at this time.

There were no citizen comments.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

The Consent Agenda includes routine and non-controversial items that may be acted upon with one single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, Any Councilmember may request an item be pulled from the Consent Agenda in order that it be discussed and acted upon individually as part of the Regular Agenda.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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- 6. Consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution appointing (or reappointing) qualified individuals to serve on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.**
- 7. Consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution appointing (or reappointing) qualified individuals to serve on the Jonestown Planning & Zoning Commission.**
- 8. Consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution appointing (or reappointing) qualified individuals to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board.**
- 9. Consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution appointing (or reappointing) qualified individuals to serve on the Public Library Advisory Board.**
- 10. Consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution declaring certain city property and/or equipment to be surplus to the City's needs and authorizing the Mayor to dispose of such property in a manner that is beneficial to the City of Jonestown. (Public Works utility trailer; mobile home)**
- 11. Consideration and possible action to approve a license agreement between Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and the City of Jonestown as a Limited Service Deputy to process renewals of vehicle registrations.**
- 12. Consideration and possible action to approve a Finance Clerk position and job description.**
- 13. Consideration and possible action to approve a five-year extension to the service contract with Progressive Waste Solutions of TX, Inc. d/b/a Waste Connections of Texas for exclusive residential, commercial, and roll-off refuse service.**



14. **Consideration and possible action to authorize submittal of a Preliminary Application for the Texas Department of Transportation 2021 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Projects.**

Mayor Johnson read the consent agenda items. Alderwoman Bush moved to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Alderman Schaffner. **The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

15. **Request for Conditional Use Permit at 18762 FM 1431 to allow large vehicle parking:**  
  - a. **PUBLIC HEARING to receive citizen input on a request by Austin Underground, Inc., for a conditional use permit in accordance with Chapter 14: Zoning Code, Sec. 14.02.081(b)(12) Conditional Uses, of the City of Jonestown Code of Ordinances, to allow large vehicle parking in a B-2 general commercial zoning district at 18762 FM 1431 (ABS 2683 SUR 54 Humble & Chapman ACR 4.360), Jonestown, Texas.**

***NOTE: THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT.***

Though the request has been withdrawn, Alderman Nelsen requested that staff contact Austin Underground with Council's concerns regarding citizen reports of trucks backing out onto FM 1431 from the property.

16. **Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Jonestown, Texas, amending article 8.06, "Sex Offender Regulations" of the Code of Ordinances to provide elements to guide the City Council when making a decision concerning application to the Council for an exemption or an appeal of denial of an exemption by the Chief of Police to the prohibition against a registered sex offender having a residence within a specified distance of a child safety zone; amending the article to be consistent with state law.**

Alderman Nelsen moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Alderwoman Bush. **The motion passed unanimously.**

17. **Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Jonestown, Texas, amending Article 12.01.006, "Operation of Golf Carts in the City" of the Code of Ordinances to allow the crossing of FM 1431 at a controlled intersection.**

Alderwoman Bush moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Nelsen. **The motion passed unanimously.**

18. **Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding an ordinance of the City of Jonestown, Texas, amending Chapter 3 Building Regulations of the Jonestown Code of Ordinances to add new definitions to Outdoor Lighting Regulations;**

**repealing and replacing Division 3 Lighting to include uniform light standards that enhance the night sky.**

City Administrator Jones addressed Council's questions, noting the ordinance will not become effective until the city gets a Dark Sky designation. The new Dark Skies Committee will work on phasing in ordinance lighting requirements, and additional changes may be made to the ordinance before it becomes effective. Alderman Nelsen requested a correction to Section 308.100(c)(1) as previously discussed, to change the wording to "the later of 10:00 P.M." to "the earlier of 10:00 P.M." It was noted that this ordinance, if approved, will not be codified until such time as it becomes effective. Alderman Nelsen moved to approve the ordinance, with the change of wording in Section 308.100(c)(1) as indicated. Mayor Pro Tem Buckle seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**19. Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding formation of a Jonestown Dark Skies Committee and appointment of members.**

Mayor Pro Tem Buckle moved to approve the formation of the Dark Skies Committee and appointment of the members as presented. Alderman Davis seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** It is expected the committee's work on Dark Sky certification and related ordinance revisions may take two years or longer. Funding needs will be determined and budgeting will be discussed in the future. (The list of committee members and their positions is included as an attachment to these minutes.)

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Nelsen moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Bush. **The motion passed unanimously.** Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2021.**



Paul Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel Austin, City Secretary